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**Sanford Man Sentenced for Transportation and Possession of Child Pornography**

Portland, Maine: United States Attorney Paula D. Silsby announced that **Robert B. Wright**, 37, of Sanford, Maine, was sentenced today in U.S. District Court in Portland to 87 months of imprisonment to be followed by 3 years of supervised release for the federal crimes of Transportation of Child Pornography and Possession of Child Pornography. Wright pleaded guilty on March 31, 2008.

According to court records, in the fall of 2004, Wright, while in an online chat room, posted an internet hyperlink to a collection of child pornography. A hyperlink is a clickable link on an internet web page that connects a user to another destination on the internet. The link was accessed by an undercover United States Secret Service agent in Miami, Florida, and found to contain over 80 sexually explicit images of children. On two other occasions in late 2004 and early 2005, Wright sent the undercover agent links to child pornography, as well as a video file of a minor girl engaged in sexual activity. A search warrant executed at Wright's residence in the spring of 2005 yielded a computer that contained several child pornography video files, including the file that had been sent to the undercover agent.

United States Attorney Silsby praised the investigation conducted by the Portland and Miami offices of the United States Secret Service and the Sanford Police Department.

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